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WORKING GROUP ON POLLUTION FROM SHIPPING (02.06-11)

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1. SUBJECT WORKING GROUP VISITED EMBASSY RECENTLY TO REPORT ON
GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL 15 DAY VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. SEVEN
MEMBER US DELEGATION, LED BY WGCHAIRMAN, USCG COMMANDER SIPES,
VISITED ULYANOVSK, SOCHI, AND ODESSA. IN ULYANOVSK THE GROUP
DISCUSSED TECHNIQUES FOR CLEANING RIVER POLLUTION WITH MINISTRY
OF INLAND WATER TRANSPORT OFFICIALS. MEMBERS HEARD PRESENTATION
ABOUT SOVIET SHIPPING ACTIVITIES ON AZOV AND BLACK SEAS IN SOCHI,
WHERE VISIT HAD HEAVY TOURIST CONTENT. DELEGATION CONSIDERED
MOST USEFUL PART OF VISIT TO BE ODESSA, WHERE DISCUSSIONS FOCUSED
ON MARINE OIL POLLUTION. GROUP OBSERVED DEMONSTRATIONS OF SOVIET
OIL SPILL CLEAN-UP TECHNIQUES IN ODESSA HARBOR. COMMANDER SIPES
AND HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART, NUNUPAROV, SIGNED MINUTES OF
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AGREEMENT. COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PERSONNEL
TRAINING WAS MENTIONED AS A POSSIBLE AREA FOR FURTHER JOINT WORK.

2. SIPES TOLD SCIOFF THAT WG COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND
NUNUPAROV WERE OFTEN DELAYED IN TRANSIT. SCIOFF ADVISED SIPES
TO MAKE GREATER USE OF DEPT TELEGRAPHIC FACILITIES ON IMPORTANT
MATTERS.

3. SIPES NOTED THAT GROUP SAW LITTLE THAT WAS NEW DURING THE VISIT. HE COMMENTED THAT ONE OF THE CHIEF BENEFITS OF COOPERATION UNDER THIS WG HAS BEEN OPPORTUNITY FOR US AND SOVIET SIDES TO COORDINATE THEIR POSITIONS IN IMCO. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US AND SOVIET OFFICIALS IN THE FIELD OF MARINE POLLUTION, WHICH THE WG HAS HELPED FOSTER, PROBABLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF RECENT MOSCOW VISIT OF SPECIAL MARINE OIL POLLUTION DELEGATION, HEADED BY REAR ADMIRAL WALLACE (REFTEL).

4. EMBASSY POUCHING TO EUR/SOV INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF "VODNIY TRANSPORT" ARTICLE ABOUT VISIT OF THE DELEGATION.

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